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Starfish Space

Affordable and Available Satellite Servicing

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The Otter Space Tug

Affordable and available satellite servicing.

Maintaining LEO constellations.

Maximizing GEO satellites.



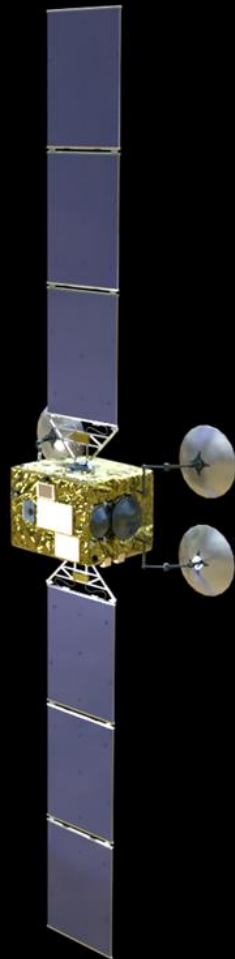
**Active Life
Extension**



**Space Debris
Removal**



**Autonomous
Interaction**



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Starfish Team

Company Resume

- ✓ Founded by former **Blue Origin and NASA** engineers
- ✓ Raised **\$7.3 Million** in venture capital from NFX, MaC VC, PSL Ventures, Boost VC, and others
- ✓ Won a **\$1.7 Million** Space Force Pitch Day contract
- ✓ Pursuing market valued at **\$6.2 Billion** through 2030
- ✓ RPOD demonstration scheduled for **2023**



Trevor Bennett, Co-Founder

Blue Origin
NASA (JPL and Goddard)
Colorado (PhD, Aerospace)



Austin Link, Co-Founder

Blue Origin
Lockheed Martin
Purdue (M.S., Aerospace)
Stanford (B.S., Physics)

21 Team Members:

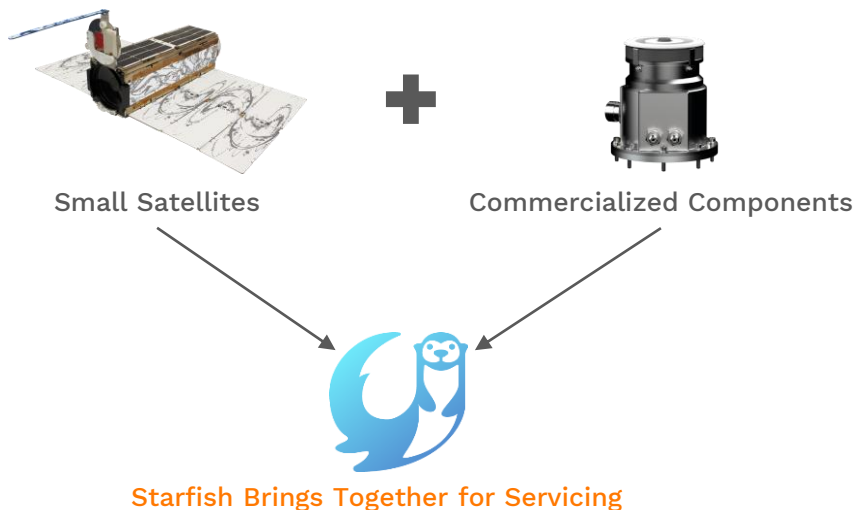
15 Engineers
14 Graduate Degrees
10 Former Founders
5 Together at Purdue

With Experience At:

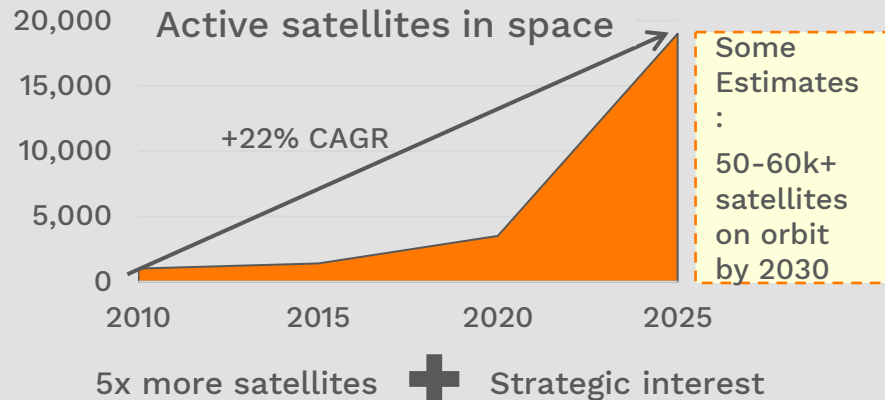
Blue Origin
NASA
SpaceX
Lockheed Martin
McKinsey and Co
Morgan Stanley
Honeybee Robotics

Now Is The Time

It Is Now Possible...



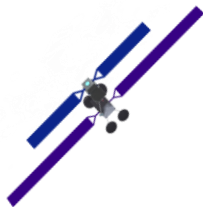
And It Is Now Necessary



This technology is tomorrow's space logistics infrastructure

Otter Missions

“The ability to safely and cooperatively interact with satellites... would immediately revolutionize military and commercial space operations alike”
— DARPA



Life Extension

Add 5+ years to healthy satellites

Primarily geostationary satellite operators



Satellite Disposal

Limit space debris and keep orbits clear

Primarily low Earth orbit mega-constellations



And More...

A new paradigm for dynamic in-space operations

The Otter Value Proposition



Get more from your satellite with Starfish Space

Pre-launch

1-3 years

Design & production to prepare a satellite.

**Design better knowing the Otter gives you options on orbit.*

Launch

< 1 day

The satellite journey begins by going into orbit!

Positioning

0-3 months

It takes effort to reach your final destination.

**Need help? The Otter can assist in positioning.*

Operations

5-15 years

Time to provide service to people below on Earth.

**Have a problem? The Otter can come inspect.*

Extension

3-5 years

The Otter space tug holds on to help you continue operating.

Disposal

1-6 months

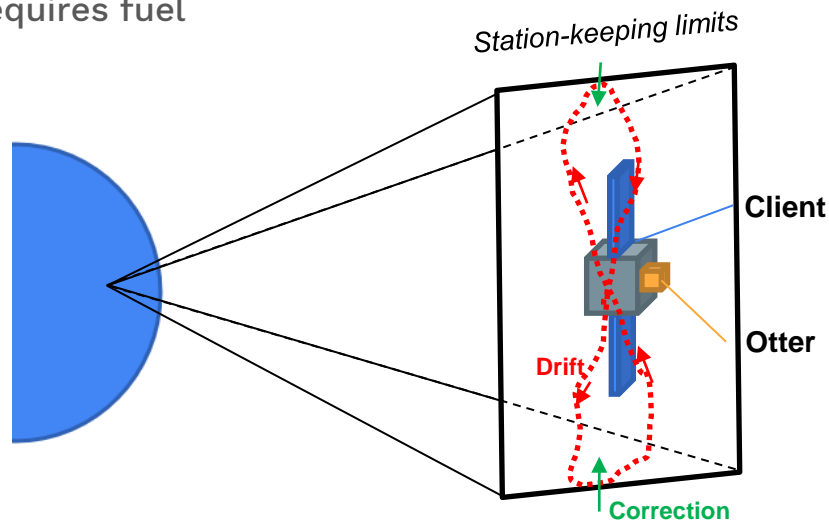
The Otter space tug keeps your orbit clear for future satellites.

Your satellite's lifecycle today

Now available with Starfish Space!

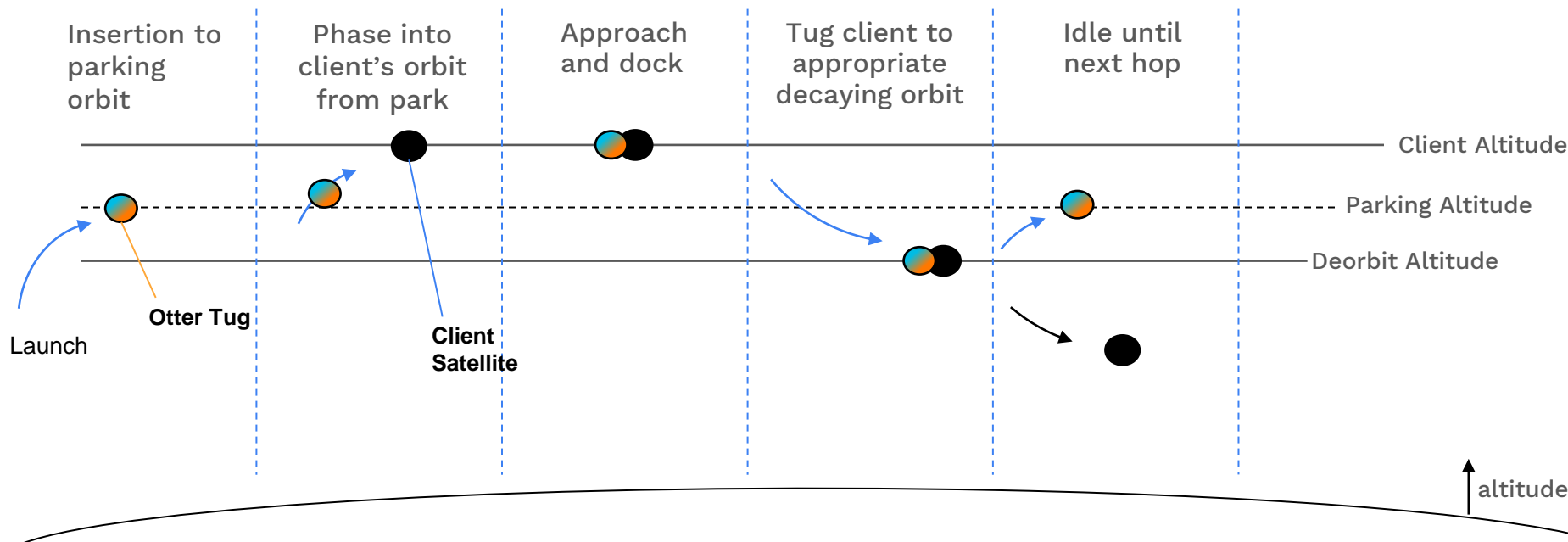
Missions: Life Extension GEO

- Geostationary satellites are desirable because they remain in a fixed position over the Earth
- Gravitational forces and solar radiation pressure tend to push and pull those satellites off this position causing “drift”
- Corrections are made to counteract the drifting, this requires fuel
- Otter’s life extension mission will attach to a client satellite as a booster pack to actively maintain the orbital slot of a satellite
- Otter will provide this station-keeping ability for several years



Missions: Satellite/Debris Disposal LEO

- Dispose of client satellite or debris to clear proliferated orbits
- Otter will relocate them to a graveyard/de-orbit trajectory



A Business Case to Remove Debris?

Active Debris Removal: One solution to troubling space debris... Remove it!

Even if the technology existed, who would pay to remove it?

Our Hypothesis: There are positive economic returns for a business using a space tug to help clean up their constellation of satellites

**Note:* this still leaves other types of space debris unaddressed

Case Study: LEO Constellation

The **optimal end-of-life disposal** strategy is to take a chance with space tugs

- Otter enables satellites to take the risk of operating longer
- When they fail, Otter can remove and replace them with new satellites

Sample Calculation

Assume:

100 satellite constellation

5-year design life

1-year standard deviation on life end

Take a chance:

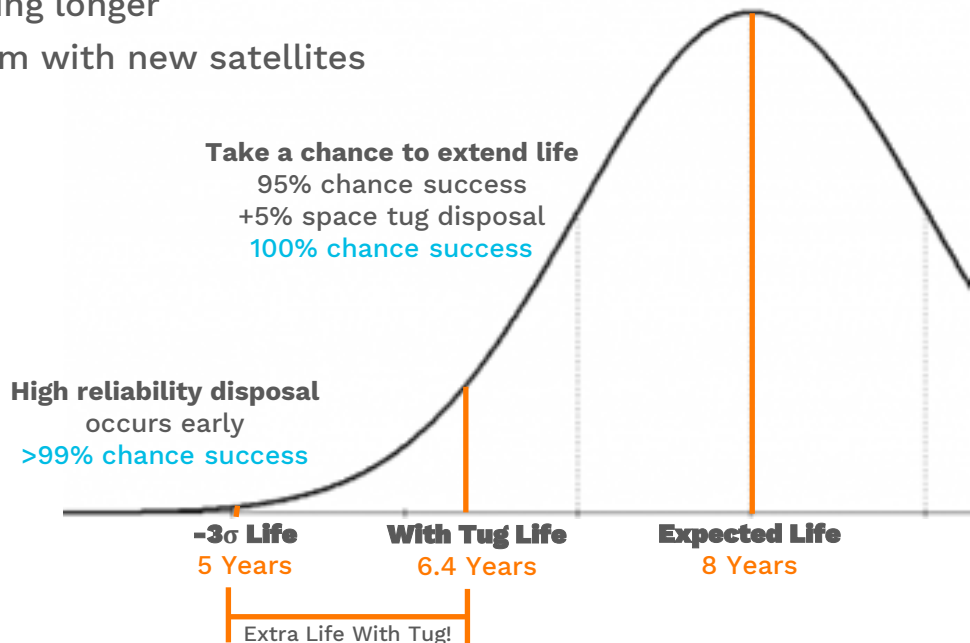
Operate until 95% chance of successful self-disposal

Optimal Outcome:

5 satellites need disposal support

95*1.4 extra years

125 extra satellite years



Otter: Affordable and Available Servicing

Servicing in an ESPA-
class satellite

*Through safe and
efficient RPOD*

Fast and affordable to build
and launch

*Enabled by building on small-
sat technology*



CEPHALOPOD

RPOD Guidance and Control
Testing now!



Nautilus

On-orbit capture
Vacuum chamber testing



CETACEAN

RPOD Navigation
Monte Carlo testing



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